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TO: Board of Oil, Gas and Mining

FROM: Jim Smith, Coordinator  
Mined Land Development

SUBJECT: Change in Form and Amount of Surety for Western Tar Sands, Inc.'s Raven Ridge Project, Uintah County, ACT/047/016

Please find attached a letter from Western Tar Sands, Inc. requesting a change in the form and amount of reclamation surety for their Raven Ridge Project. I believe the letter is fairly self-explanatory. However, to provide some additional clarification, the current surety is in the form of a treasury bond held by the Division of State Lands and Forestry (DSLFF), as the land owner. The new surety would be in the form of a certificate of deposit and would also be held by DSLFF.

Both DSLFF and DOGM staff are in agreement with the dollar figure relative to the present disturbance and the fact that no further activity is anticipated within the near future. Prior to resuming operations, a revised bond will be required commensurate with the planned activity.

The staff requests Board approval of this change in the form and amount of surety for Western Tar Sands, Inc.'s Raven Ridge Project. Your consideration in this matter is appreciated.

JWS/ml  
Attachment  
cc: John Blake, DSLFF